

held her own. During the last ten years, since the Brethren church has been organized, that same church has moved from her old quarters, built a new church house in a fashionable quarter of the city, her preacher is well, and no doubt promptly paid, and the church is prospering beyond anything she ever knew before in all her history. The Brethren church organized because the general division is about eight years old and consists of about one hundred active members nearly all strangers to Dunkard doctrine, she is very aggressive, successful and destined to be a power for good in the future. Among the members she has received are such men as McFadden and Christner both of whom have brought many members into the churches throughout the country. Surely a division with such great and good results on either side of the line for both time and eternity, is not wrong. Nay! it is right and the proudest achievement of the lives of those that participated in it. These results do not apply only to Philadelphia, but to a greater or less extent all over the country.

**PROGRAM OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE BRETHREN
CHURCH OF CALIFORNIA TO
BE HELD APRIL 5TH, 6TH,
AND 7TH, A. D. 1894,
AT LATHROP.**

There are several reasons why our program is not as complete as we would like it to have it; but we will endeavor to make some amends by personal correspondence and to make a more satisfactory explanation, if it be required, at the conference.

FIRST SESSION: Thursday 1:30 P. M.

1. Call to order and opening services: Eld. J. P. Wolfe.
2. Enrolment of delegates, and election of necessary officers: to be conducted by officers of 1893, or *Pro Tem*.
3. Brief introduction by Moderator.
4. Privilege for responses by others.
5. Reading of Scripture: Acts xv, or 1 Cor. xiii.
6. Appointment of necessary committees.
7. Reports of Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer of 1893.
8. Report of Board of Evangelism.
9. Report of the State Evangelist.
10. Discussion: Our Mission; its Object; its Requirements; its Accomplishments; and, How to increase its Success.
11. Closing Services.

SECOND SESSION: Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

1. Opening Services.
2. Discussion: Needs of the Hour.
3. Queries.
4. Discussion: Lay Co-operation.
5. Closing Services.

THIRD SESSION: Friday, 7:30 A. M.

1. Opening Services.
2. Discussion: (a.) Revival Meetings, (b.) Young People's Societies, such as King's Children, in the church.

3. Queries.
4. Election of a State Board of Evangelism.

5. Election of a State Evangelist.
6. Discussion: S. S. of C. E. work.
7. Closing Services.

FOURTH SESSION: Friday 1:30 P. M.

1. Opening Services.
2. Report of the Committee of Incorporation of the Brethren church in the State of California.

3. Who constitutes this committee now?

4. Queries.

5. Discussion: (a.) Erring Members. (b.) Sunday School Work.

- (1.) What Constitutes True Success?

- (2.) Literature: How it Helps the Church.

- (3.) Management of the Sunday School.

7. Discussion: Why Substitute the First for the Seventh Day in the Fourth Command?

FIFTH SESSION: Friday 7:30 P. M.

1. Opening Services.
2. Where Shall We Hold Our Camp-meeting in the Autumn of 1894?
3. Committee on Camp-meeting.
4. "Ministerial Certificate Properly Signed."
5. Delegate to National Conference.
6. Queries.
7. Collection.
8. Closing Services.

SIXTH SESSION: Saturday, 8:30 A. M.

1. Opening Services.
2. Queries.
3. Papers to be read. (If any have anything that they would like to say to the Conference, and are unable to attend, they can say it on paper and it will be read.)
4. An effort to raise funds for mission work during the coming year.
5. Committee on program for next annual State Conference.
- Discussion: The Holy Spirit: the True, Gospel Doctrine in Relation to the Nature, Office, and Work of the Holy Spirit.
7. Queries.
8. Business for the National Conference.
9. When and where shall the next Annual State Conference of the Brethren Church be held?
10. Is there any further business?
11. Closing services.

Communion Services at night, to be preceded by Self-Examination Services.

Our brethren and sisters are requested to examine this program carefully. You will find some important business—important questions—to be considered and disposed of. If no part of this program is assigned you, be ready for any part of it, and it will make the work the more interesting and expeditious. Let every part of the church in the state be properly represented, and all attend who can.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

I shall ask some questions, make

some suggestions and criticize some of the methods of business adopted by our conference.

It does look to me that the odium that rests upon the Brethren church in the financial management of Ashland College, should have taught every one a lesson not soon to be forgotten.

But at the convention at Eagle Lake in 1892 the same course was pursued in buying the Publishing House, as was done in buying the College; viz: promising to pay when they did not have the money to pay with, and did not know where it was to come from. This put the church in the same position in its Publishing interests as the college was in.

The convention (or its representatives) should never have taken possession of the Publishing interests until they had all the money to pay for it.

A good Bro. told me personally. "I can raise the money to pay Bro. Holsinger inside of two hours;" but when Bro. Bashor called for donations in the convention the good brother said he could pay \$10. and that was the amount he could raise to pay Bro. Holsinger.

Brethren, when I say I or we will pay to any amount for church purposes "I" or "we" ought to know where the money is to come from. It is not that the brethren do not want to pay Bro. Holsinger; but it is the lack of a business method in collecting it. You have seen in the EVANGELIST that a brother said I will be one of fifty to pay Bro. Holsinger. We concluded from this that he has the money to pay and also that he has the good will to do so, but that way will never pay the debt.

Now if the Convention of '93 did not appoint some one to receive and collect these donations, I would suggest that Bro. Harrison, the editor of the EVANGELIST, should appoint some one who was not too "mealy mouthed" to ask every brother and sister in the Brethren church to contribute to the paying of Bro. Holsinger, and if there is any balance to pay it to the Publishing House, and if a brother can not pay \$10. let him pay what he can and all help to bear the burden, or rather join in receiving a part of the blessing which will surely follow. In this way the money could be sent to Bro. Holsinger at once if every church from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean would at once proceed and collect all they could in every way they could soon raise the amount; and O! how we will rejoice with Bro. H. R. H.

There is another point. As nearly as I could ascertain at the Convention at Eagle Lake in 1892 one of the principal reasons for the church to buy out the EVANGELIST was to consolidate the publishing interests of the Brethren Church. Then after the purchase was made, it laid the foundation for a worse division in the church than could have befallen if the publishing interest had remained

a private enterprise, by establishing a Tract Society, independent of the publishing house and that too knowing that the Publishing House needed all the assistance that the Church was able to give. Then, to think the convention of '93 would instruct the Tract Committee to get their work done where it could be done the cheapest, thus putting the whole outside printing world on an equality with their own Publishing House. If the church will not patronize its own institutions what does it want with them? This is a stupidity without a parallel to my knowledge. I endorse all that Bro. Cassel said in a former letter on this subject. Now let us hear from others and let us build up the finances of the Brethren Church, pay our debts, and hereafter keep out of debt and we will avoid a great deal of unpleasantness.

H. H. CONNELL.

Guernsey, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1894.

LAKE ODESSA WAVES.

BY J. G. WINEY.

We are still laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. Since our last report we have received one by baptism. The Lord is working with his people.

It seems to me that the district of Michigan ought to have a ministerial meeting in connection with the conference to be held at New Troy in '94. What say you Elders Price, Shank, Clark, Voorhees, Haskins? Who will second the motion? About all other denominations have them, and in some places the Brethren have them. I fail to see why we could not have them.

PAY BRO. HOLSINGER.

We are under obligations to pay our debts, and if Bro. Holsinger is not paid in full he should be paid at once. I was under the impression that the publishing house debt was raised at the Conference at Warsaw in 1892, as many paid; some \$100, from that down to \$10, \$5, \$1.00, &c., among which was the writer, paid \$10 and interest. There are many in the brotherhood who did not pay any, such we want to remind and "stir up." To those that did not pay anything toward OUR publishing house I will say, look in the glass that St. James speaks of and tell that fellow in good dead earnest, "thou art the man" who ought to pay something to the good cause. If that "fellow" gets angry, and motions to strike at you, pay no attention to him, he will not hurt you, but you persist in saying, "thou art the man." If he will plead "hard times," as an excuse, tell him to take \$5 out of the \$10 he is spending for tobacco and cigars to no good—tell him THE DEBT MUST BE PAID.

The Sunday School Convention for our township (Campbell) is a thing of the past. It came off the 21st at our new church; all the schools in the township were represented. Good speeches were delivered upon various